

## City of Falls Church

Meeting Date: 5-11-09	<b>Title:</b> Resolution To Establish The Falls Church Civil War 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee And Appoint Its Members <b>(TR9-13)</b>	Agenda No.: 10 (b) (1)
Proposed Motion: <b>MOVE passage of (TR9-13)</b>		
Originating Dept. Head: Howard Herman, General Manager of Community Services 703.248.5077 HEH 5/07/09		Disposition by Council:
City Manager: Wyatt Shields 703-248-5004 FWS 5/6/09	City Attorney: John Foster 703.248.5010 JEF 5-7-09	CFO: John Tuohy 703.248.5092 JHT 05-07-2009

REQUEST: Pass resolution establishing the Falls Church Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and appointing its members.

RECOMMENDATION: Move passage of TR 9-13.

BACKGROUND: During the 2006 Session of the General Assembly, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission was created for the purpose of planning for and commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Virginia's participation in the Civil War. Activities to commemorate the anniversary will be held statewide from 2009 through 2015. The Commission has asked every locality in Virginia to form a local sesquicentennial committee to work with the state commission.

The local committee, known as the City of Falls Church Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, will serve as the City's liaison to the state commission and will develop plans for events or programs to help commemorate the anniversary of the Civil War.

The City currently sponsors a Civil War Day each year (May 16 of this year). It is anticipated that most of the City's efforts to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary will revolve around the Civil War Day each year.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be minimal fiscal impact. City staff will attend meetings and coordinate any programs or activities planned by the committee.

TIMING: Routine

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE FALLS CHURCH CIVIL WAR  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE AND APPOINT ITS  
MEMBERS

WHEREAS, 2009-2015 will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war and significant events leading up to it; which had and continues to have a profound impact on the United States, the American people, and the individual states and communities directly or indirectly affected by the war and its legacy; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly created the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission in 2006 for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War through education, statewide tourism promotion through an interactive website and other means, technical assistance to localities and institutions, and coordination; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the commemoration reaches throughout the state, each locality has been asked to form a local sesquicentennial committee to work with the state Commission; and

WHEREAS, localities are encouraged to plan programs, special events and exhibitions that highlight the Civil War related history of the community, being sure to include all perspectives of the Civil War era and highlight lesser-known stories, particularly those that relate to the African-American experience during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the village and people of Falls Church, located on the edge of Washington's Civil War-era defenses, were directly impacted during the war by the presence of Confederate and Union troops, divided loyalties, and war-time hardship and loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falls Church, Virginia that an ad hoc committee of citizens, city employees, and invited experts shall be established and known as the Falls Church Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee ( the Committee); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall:

1. Encourage and support both popular and scholarly activities that foster public understanding and appreciation, among a broad and diverse audience, of the impact of the America Civil War both then and now on Falls Church and vicinity; and

2. Identify, recommend, and carry out programs, projects, and events appropriate to understand and commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War and its effect on Falls Church; and
3. Serve as the local coordinating body for the purpose of commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War with the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission; with other local committees in Virginia and elsewhere; with Falls Church's duly elected and appointed officials; and with the residents and business partners; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that individuals on the committee shall include the following persons who have expressed interest and begun meeting at the invitation of the City Manager:

1. Ron Anzalone, Falls Church Historical Commission/Victorian Society at Falls Church
2. Irena Chambers, Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation
3. Marybeth Connelly, City of Falls Church Public Schools
4. Barbara Cram, Falls Church Chamber of Commerce
5. Rory Dippold, City of Falls Church Public Schools
6. Brad Gernand, Mary Riley Styles Library Board and historian/author
7. Nikki Graves Henderson, Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation
8. Gloria Guba, City of Falls Church Public Schools
9. Diane Morse, Coordinator, Cherry Hill Farmhouse
10. Dave Snyder, Member, City Council and Civil War reenactor
11. Ric Terman, Falls Church Historical Commission
12. Keith Thurston, Village Preservation and Improvement Society
13. John Tuohy, Chief Financial Officer, City of Falls Church and Civil War reenactor

Reading: 5-11-09

Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

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